(b) to (d) The year-wise allocations for West Bengal for Flood Damage Repair (FDR) during the last three years are given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1998-1999	9.00
1999-2000	10.00
2000-2001	16.00

Investments in Road Highway Projects

2099. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey conducted by Government on Monitoring Indian Economy, has revealed that Road Highway Projects are attracting more money than investments in telecom related infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the States are not able to invest sufficient money on development of roads;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to attract more investment in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member has private investment in mind. It may be stated that in National Highway sector, an investment of Rs. 1831 crore is committed upto June, 2001. This is much less than the investment made in the telecom sector.

(c) to (e) Development of roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, after the establishment of the Central Road Fund, the Central Government is providing assistance to State Governments of the

order of Rs. 2,500 crore for rural roads and about Rs. 1,000 crore for State roads.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

2100. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads added to the National Highways till March, 2001 State-wise;

(b) the details of major projects completed during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the amount spent towards Golden Quadrilateral Project during 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) A Statement giving State-wise details of the road length added to the National Highway network till March, 2001 is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) During 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, 11 projects amounting to Rs. 284.27 crore and 31 projects amounting to Rs. 1299.16 crore respectively each costing more than Rs. 5 crore were completed.

(c) During 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 723.43 crore has been spent on the Golden Quadrilateral Project.

Statement

Addition to National Highways System During Different Plan Periods

(Length in Kms.)

Sl. No.	States	NH length as on 31.03.2001
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4038
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	392
3.	Assam	2836
4.	Bihar	3301
5.	Chandigarh	24
6.	Chhattisgarh	1830